Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): May I know, Sir, which is the one and a half miles of road meant by the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): The portion of the road which we call the Aripalam road.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): May I know how many miles away from the road is the Padiyur village situated?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): I want notice.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Have the inhabitants of Padiyur village brought to the notice of the Government the inadequacy of road communication there?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): I want notice. The question is how many miles of road are there in the Padiyur village. For that the answer is correct. There are one and a half miles of road in the village.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government at least now understand that there are actually no roads catering to the needs of the village?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Cheif Engineer*): There are people living adjacent to the road in the village.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government enquire into the matter and do the needful?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

DESAMANGALAM IRRIGATION SCHEME.

172. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Government had not prepared a scheme for the supply of water for agricultural purposes in the villages of Desamangalam and Pallur by pumping water from Bharatha Puzha especially in summer season;

(*b*) in which year the scheme was prepared;

(*c*) has the Government realised the fact that this will be a great relief to the peasants especially in the matter of their Punja cultivation;

(*d*) has the Government noted the fact that in a good area of these villages double crops cultivation can be carried on by the introduction of this scheme;

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

(*e*) how many acres of land will be benefited by this scheme;

(*f*) what will be the expense of the Government to bring into operation the Desamangalam Pallur water supply scheme;

(*g*) comparing the number of acres to be benefited by this scheme, will the Government be pleased to inform this House the approximate cost of supplying water per acre?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 1936.

(*c*) and (*d*) The benefits derivable from the scheme are being closely scrutinised.

(*e*) 480 acres in Desamangalam.

(*f*) Desamangalam Irrigation scheme is expected to cost about Rs. 19,000.

(*g*) The total maintenance charges per acre may roughly be fixed at Rs. 5—13—0 per acre.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Has it been brought to the notice of the Government that if this scheme is brought into effect, agriculture in that area will be protected?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government seriously consider the problem once more?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): The question is being looked into.

IRRIGATION FACILITIES—CHOWWARA VILLAGE.

173. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the amount spent in pumping water for the protection of agriculture in other villages, especially in Chowwara;

(*b*) how many acres are benefited by this method in Chowwara?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Rs. 1,548 in 1113.

(*b*) 150 acres were benefited in 1113, but an area of 600 acres can be protected by the extension of the works.

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly